



Member Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 2014

Member Attendees: Ryan Sanders, Steve Pugh, Suzanne Schrum, Eric Rabenstine, Dianne Price, Wendy Carl, Candy Duda

Board Officer Attendees: Samantha Longworth, Amanda Steininger, Judy Fronzaglia

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Samantha.

Member Announcements

Wendy from the Garden Club announced the group meets the 1st Monday of each month. They will be assisting with a Rain Garden and shade tree plantings at Kaltreider-Benfer Library.

RLABA Financial Update

Current bank balance is more than \$10,000. Street Fair registrations account for more than \$4,000, and we have received \$400 in membership fees.

Local Government Announcements

-On behalf of Rep. Stan Saylor's office, Steve Pugh announced the Governor's budget includes a 3.3% increase over last year. Issues that remain on the table are property tax reform and pension reform. Steve addressed variable electric rates. If anyone has issues they should contact the Pennsylvania Utility Commission or the Attorney General's office.

-Dianne Price, borough manager, reported street sweeping begins mid-March, weather permitting. Branch and limb pickup from the storms has been moved to the first two weeks of April (March 31-April 11). Given the harsh winter, prepare for road repairs. The county awarded \$500,000 to Red Lion Mile.

-Eric Rabenstine, borough recreation director, announced all special events are now under the recreation department. Special events include: Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt – Sat, April 12; Fairmount Park Fun Day – Sat, June 14; Independence Day fireworks at Horn Field – Thurs, July 3; and July 4th celebration with Car show – Fri, July 4. The Rec Dept is looking to add more adult programming – bus trips, fitness, crafts, etc. The annual Halloween Parade is Mon, Oct 27.

RLABA News Updates

-Minutes are now available online.

-Snacks will be available at member meetings (hopefully sponsored by an RLABA member) so there's an emphasis on networking. Candi Duda will sponsor in April and Suzanne Schrum will sponsor in May.

-Business cards were made for members to hand out to potential members.

-The group discussed speaker ideas. Kyle Wagman is working to bring in a speaker from SCORE. Utilizing inexpensive marketing ideas is another topic people are interested in.

Next Member Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Bethany House.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Fronzaglia
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